

How to Make Your House a Home that Blesses Your Husband

Main Theme: A Christ-centered home is intentionally built through dependence on God, faithful stewardship, and loving service.

I. Biblical Foundation

- Proverbs 14:1 — The wise woman builds her house.
- Proverbs 31:10–31 — Character and diligence bless the family.
- Titus 2:3–5 — Older women train younger women.
- Psalm 127:1; Proverbs 24:3–4 — God is the true Builder.

II. God's Design for Marriage

- Companionship
- Enjoyment and intimacy
- Complementary partnership
- Fruitfulness
- Protection and care
- Displaying Christ and His Church

III. Three Practical Habits

- Planning — Order your days around God's priorities.
- Organization — Steward your home for peace and service.
- Intentionality — Build your home through countless faithful choices.

IV. Building a Christ-Centered Home

- Spiritual Priorities
 - Daily Scripture and prayer
 - Depend on the Holy Spirit
- Speech
 - Encourage your husband
 - Speak truth with grace
 - Guard your tongue
- Character
 - Cultivate the fruit of the Spirit
 - Choose faithful responses over reactions
- Stewardship
 - Simple routines foster peace
 - Faithfulness over perfection

- Children
 - Teach responsibility
 - Train hearts toward Christ
 - Work together as a family
- Hospitality
 - Make room for people
 - Serve with simplicity and joy
- Perspective
 - Ordinary service becomes worship
 - Faithfulness matters more than visible results

V. Key Takeaways

- Christ is the Builder; we are faithful stewards.
- Small daily choices shape the atmosphere of a home.
- Hospitality begins with loving the people God has already given us.
- Serve the Lord by serving your husband and family.
- Build a legacy of faith that points others to Christ.

Scriptures to Review

Proverbs 14:1; Proverbs 31:10–31; Titus 2:3–5; Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:22–33; Colossians 3:23–24; Galatians 5:22–23; Psalm 127:1; Proverbs 24:3–4; Romans 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 4:29.

Good morning, Ladies,

This time in your life can be filled with anticipation, gratitude, excitement, adventure, vulnerability, and exhaustion. This morning I'd like to encourage you with practical, biblical ways to make your house a home—a place that blesses your husband, strengthens your family, welcomes others, and ultimately brings glory to Christ.

Whether you're chasing toddlers, navigating teenagers, enjoying grandchildren, or balancing work inside or outside the home, each season brings its own joys and challenges. While our circumstances may differ, God's Word gives us the same foundation for building homes that honor Him.

Building a home that honors Christ requires more than good intentions. We need God's Word, the Holy Spirit, and we need each other. God provides the foundation, and we faithfully build upon it.

Before we talk about practical habits and routines, let's look at the biblical foundation God has given us.

Proverbs 14:1 — Reminds us that the wise woman builds her home, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

Proverbs 31:10-31 — A godly woman's character and diligence bless those entrusted to her.

Titus 2:3-5 — God calls older women to teach younger women to love their husbands and children, and to manage their households with godly character.

These passages remind us that it requires wisdom, faithfulness, and daily dependence on the Lord. Notice that each of these passages involves action—we are called to build, love, respect, teach,

manage, and serve. A Christ-centered home does not happen accidentally; it is built through intentional choices made over time.

Over the years, three habits and routines have helped me make our house a home and bless my husband: planning, organizing, and intentionality. These are not things I do perfectly—I have had 40 years of practice and still fall short! But they remind me that faithfulness is often found in the small, ordinary moments and routines of everyday life.

Let's begin with a reminder of why marriage exists. In the booklet *The True Significance of the Wedding Covenant* I was reminded of six God-given purposes for marriage: companionship, enjoyment, complementary partnership, fruitfulness, protection and care, and to ultimately display Christ and His church.

1. **Companionship** – Marriage is about walking together in unity and oneness of spirit (Amos 3:3). It is not good for man to be alone (Gen 2:18)
2. **Enjoyment/intimacy** – God's design for the marriage bed is to be honored, enjoyed, and kept pure (Hebrews 13:4).
3. **Complementary Partnership** – Husband and wife were created to complement one another in fulfilling God's design (Genesis 2:18).
4. **Fruitfulness** – Marriage is intended to bear fruit for God's kingdom, including family when He provides children (Genesis 1:28).
5. **Protection and Care** – Husbands are called to sacrificially love and protect their wives, while wives faithfully nurture and guard their homes and support their husbands (Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4–5).
6. **Displaying Christ and His Church** – Above all, marriage exists to reflect the covenant relationship between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:31–33).

These purposes of marriage are beautiful, and they reveal God's good design. But if we have been married for any length of time, we also know that living out God's design is not always easy.

Marriage brings great joy, but because we live in a fallen world, it also reveals areas where we need to grow. The very relationship God designed to bless us is also one of the ways He sanctifies us.

That is why I appreciate the reminder from Paul Washer. He shared in a sermon called *What It Takes to Be a Man*, that the great purpose of marriage is to conform us into the image of Christ.

He indicates that marriage is one of the ways God teaches us to love unconditionally as Christ loves. When we look back at the very beginning of marriage, we see this purpose woven into God's design. Genesis 2:18 says, “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a helper fit for him.’”

Washer asks, “how does God make a helper fit for him?” The answer, “If you are married, God has created you and all your weaknesses to be your husband’s helper, and to teach you to love unconditionally. God has given you to each other, and you will likely rub each other wrong in all the areas where you are most sensitive. These things will bother you!”

Marriage exists to make us holy, not merely happy. Marriage doesn’t create sinful responses. Marriage reveals what already lives in our hearts. And thankfully, God does not leave us to do this in our own strength—He gives us His grace, His Word, and His Spirit to help us love faithfully.

Marriage is joyful work, but it is still work. And God uses that work to make us more like Christ. If we desire to grow in holiness, then every meal prepared, every kind word spoken, every act of hospitality, and every sacrifice made becomes another opportunity for God to shape our hearts and conform us to the image of Christ.

As wives, God has given us the opportunity to encourage, respect, honor, and support our husbands according to His design for marriage (Ephesians 5:22–23; Colossians 3:18–19). As we do, we not only honor the Lord, but we also become a source of strength, encouragement, and a blessing to our husbands.

But what does this look like practically? How do we move from simply knowing God's design for marriage to actually living it out in our homes.

It begins with daily disciplines—both spiritual and practical. As we spend time in God's Word and prayer, we are better prepared to faithfully care for the responsibilities God has entrusted to us. That means planning our days, organizing our time, and living with intentionality.

Again, Proverbs 14:1 reminds us, "The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands."

One of the greatest ways we build our homes is through our words. So, when your husband rubs you the wrong way—and he will—how will you respond?

Proverbs 18:21 reminds us that "death and life are in the power of the tongue," and Proverbs 15:4 says, "A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit."

Our words carry power. They reveal what is in our hearts and help shape the tone of our homes. We should use our words to encourage and affirm our husbands while also speaking truth in love, rather than using criticism to change or fix them. We should strive to become one of our husband's greatest encouragers.

First Thessalonians 5:11 tells us to "encourage one another and build one another up," and Ephesians 4:29 reminds us to let no corrupting talk come out of our mouths, but only what is good for building up, that it may give grace to those who hear. When we

choose words that build up our husband, we bless him, and that encouragement will overflow into our homes.

I believe we see the fruit of this kind of encouragement in Proverbs 31. It says, "The heart of her husband safely trusts in her." She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. She faithfully cares for her household and lives with diligence and wisdom. The result of her faithfulness is blessing. Her husband is strengthened, her children rise up and call her blessed, and her life bears fruit because she has faithfully honored the Lord.

Ladies, love your husband, pray for him daily, and point him to Christ. This will be an incredible blessing to your husband, and it will shape the atmosphere of your home.

A Christ-centered home begins by trusting God as the true Builder (**Psalms 127:1**: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain," **Proverbs 24:3–4**: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches"). When we prayerfully **plan, organize, and live intentionally**, we are simply stewarding the home He has given to us. It's the thousands of small, faithful choices we make each day—not perfection—that, by God's grace, make a house feel like home.

You might ask, "How, or where do I begin?"

It starts with having a **plan** to be in God's Word daily. Nothing else I share with you today will matter much if we are not first rooted in Scripture and prayer. Pray on your own, and if your husband is a believer, pray together as a couple. God's Word is the foundation for everything. He is our refuge and our strength, as we learn in:

Psalms 18:2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I know this life can feel crazy—full of the unexpected, full of joys and sorrows, and full of opportunities to serve others. Knowing this, how do we prepare for our day? Do we simply roll out of bed and hope we have what we need, or do we have a plan to spend time in God's Word?

Without a plan, the busyness of life can quickly take over. As we organize our days and intentionally make time to be in God's Word, our hearts are anchored in Him, and our lives are shaped by His truth.

When God's Word is the foundation of our lives, it transforms our hearts to reflect Christ's love. As we seek the Lord and ask Him to grow the fruit of the Spirit in us, those qualities begin to shape the atmosphere of our homes. Our homes become places of peace and belonging that bless our husbands, our families, and everyone who enters it.

Galatians 5:22–23 tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we spend time in God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us, these qualities begin to shape the way we speak, serve, respond, and care for people.

What might happen if every room in our home reflected the fruit of the Spirit?

- **Love and Joy** can create a home where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and delighted to be together.
- **Peace and Patience** can help create a calm refuge where grace is extended, and conflicts are handled with gentleness.
- **Kindness and Goodness** are reflected through intentional, everyday acts of service that strengthen love, respect, and connection.

- **Faithfulness and Gentleness** build trust through dependable actions and gracious words.
- **Self-Control** helps us respond wisely instead of reacting in frustration, contributing to a stable home.

The fruit of the Spirit influences not only how we love and serve the people in our homes, but also how we care for the responsibilities God has given to us. As we prayerfully **plan, organize, and intentionally** care for our homes, we create an environment of peace, order, and hospitality. A welcoming home does not have to be immaculate, but it should reflect love, care, and thoughtfulness.

When our homes have a sense of order, we are better able to focus on the people within them—our husbands, our children, and those God brings through our doors. Adding homey touches here and there, those little details that reflect what you and your husband enjoy, can communicate a simple message to those who enter your home: “You are welcome here.”

I know there are many different opinions about cleanliness and managing a home, but here are a few things I have found helpful:

I Make my bed daily - it may seem like a small thing, but I want my room to feel peaceful and welcoming—a place of rest for my husband and me. There will likely be a layer of dust somewhere, but the bed is made like a wrapped gift.

I Wash the dishes right away, or rinse them, and put them in the dishwasher. I feel like my kitchen is clean if the sink isn’t overflowing. I also don’t have a huge job that is staring at me at the end of the day or the next morning, and I don’t want ants...

I wipe the counter tops in the bathrooms and the kitchen. It helps my home feel ready—not because I expect perfection, but because I want to be prepared to welcome others.

Small habits practiced consistently can cultivate peace.

A peaceful home is not created only by what we do, but also by what we teach. Part of that includes teaching our children to work with **intentionality**. We were created to **work**, and after the fall, work became difficult (Genesis 2:15; 3:17–19). We tried to make work a normal part of family life. It's not easy and I often fell short because it was easier and faster to do it myself, but not helpful if you **are raising future adults, wives, and husbands**, not just parenting children.

It starts by taking your 1 ½ year old's hand and teaching them how to pick up the Duplo blocks they poured out on the floor. If they can pour them out, they can pick them up.

God has entrusted our children to us. They are a welcomed addition, but they are not the center of it. We are to **teach** them responsibility, to learn to feed themselves, and even put their socks on. As children are taught to work with a positive attitude, they begin to learn that their work can serve others and bless their dads, too! By teaching them to work and working with them, they will learn how to do the task, and you will be able to set an example by your diligence. Your husband works hard for the family, you work hard, and children can learn to work – they like to help and are encouraged by praise. Each member of the family has meaningful work to do, and everyone working together helps create teamwork!

Discipline is also part of making a house a home – temper tantrums, arguing, screaming through the house can undermine peace in the home, and create tension and exhaustion - our goal is to lovingly train their hearts to know what is right and to learn obedience, and to deal with disappointments. Picture your child as a husband or wife doing that behavior, or as a 16-year-old – they will be miserable teens and spouses. Training starts early... is stealing a cookie a big deal? It is! Don't overlook sin.

Don't say to your kids, "Will you pick up the toys?" "Will you come here?" – you have opened the door for them to say, "NO." You

might want to consider saying, “Please, pick up your toys.” Or, “Please, come here.” We are teaching boundaries, so kids are not centered on themselves and ruled by their feelings. It is our responsibility to discipline even when we are tired. We are not just shaping behavior; we are shepherding hearts. Ultimately, our desire is not simply to raise obedient children, but to faithfully point them to Christ so they come to know Him, love Him, and follow Him.

Have a plan and be on the same page with your husband. Working together in this way will be a tremendous blessing to him, to your marriage, to your children, and it will help cultivate a peaceful home.

When our home is marked by peace, order, and love, something beautiful begins to happen—it creates space for others. A home that reflects Christ is not only a refuge for our own families; it becomes a place where we can welcome and serve others.

This is where hospitality can become a beautiful expression of a Christ-centered home. Hospitality is not about having the perfect house, elaborate meals, or everything looking Pinterest-worthy. It is about intentionally making room for people—sharing our home, our food, our time, and the love of Christ with those God brings into our lives.

Romans 12:3 reminds us to “practice hospitality.”

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

Hospitality to me means **intentionally organizing and planning** my life in such a way that there’s always room for one more, always an extra place at the table or an extra pillow and blanket, always a welcome for those who need a listening ear.

I don’t make elaborate plans, it isn’t complicated – the setting can be quite simple. You can have a **plan** to practice hospitality, or you can be spontaneous (but, only if you **plan, prepare, and organize** ahead of time!) – what do I mean? Have a plan to be spontaneous?

Keep a few simple things on hand so you are prepared to welcome others. Plan your meals, have a few “go-to” dishes you feel confident making, and shop wisely so you can host without stress. Keep your home ready with simple habits—a clean bathroom, an uncluttered kitchen, and a made bed can go a long way in creating a welcoming environment.

Hospitality can also happen outside your home. Plan ahead, organize your schedule, and be intentional about making room for others. Take a meal to someone who is hurting, encourage a family going through a difficult season, invite someone for coffee or for a simple meal, or meet at a park with your own dinner. Hospitality does not have to be complicated or expensive—it simply takes a willing heart and a desire to serve.

Ladies, the heart of your home will probably be your kitchen. It is where conversations happen, memories are made, and people gather. For many of us, it will be the place where we spend thousands of hours preparing meals and serving our families.

So, how will we spend those hours?

We can view the kitchen as a burden, or we can see it as an opportunity to serve. When you first got married, making meals for your husband may have felt exciting and joyful. Over time, routines can become ordinary, but we can choose to keep the joy alive.

We may not remember every meal we ate, but we remember that we were nourished. More importantly, we remember what happened around the table—the conversations, the laughter, the stories shared, and the love that made those moments meaningful.

Keep your heart focused on the Lord and remember that you are serving Him as you serve your husband and family. Colossians 3:23–24 reminds us:

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."

When we serve with this perspective, even ordinary tasks become acts of worship—and they become a blessing to those we love.

As you consider hospitality for others, remember that hospitality begins at home. It is something your whole family can practice together. When we welcome others into our homes, serve them with joy. We are building a home that reflects Christ's love, and teaching our children what it looks like to serve the Lord together.

Some of you might feel like you are doing all the things, and can say, "Kim, check, check, - I do that, but I don't feel like my house is a home because...my husband is difficult, my children are HARD, I struggle with a chronic (fill-in-the-blank), I am overwhelmed by exhaustion...." If this is you, make sure that you reach out to others, be vulnerable, ask for prayer and help. I want to remind you that faithfulness is not measured by physical outcomes. Our hope is in Christ, He sees every unseen act of obedience!

Remember to live in the moment. The house, the careers, the activities, and the next thing on the schedule are not what matter most. Don't miss the opportunity to talk, laugh, pray, celebrate, and enjoy the people God has given you.

Ladies, every meal you prepare, every encouraging word you speak, every conflict you resolve with grace, every tradition you begin, every prayer you pray, and every act of service is another brick in the home you are building.

A house provides shelter; a home provides refuge. A house can be clean; a home is filled with grace. A house has walls; a home has relationships.

We are not simply maintaining houses—we are building marriages that reflect Christ, families that display the gospel, and places of refuge where weary hearts find rest, where children learn what faithful love looks like, and where our husbands are strengthened to serve the Lord.

Years from now, your family will not remember whether every room was perfectly decorated or what they ate. They will remember the atmosphere you created. They will remember whether your home was filled with peace or tension, gratitude or criticism, laughter or complaining, love or indifference.

So, choose today to **plan, organize, and be intentional**. Serve your husband joyfully. Guard your marriage diligently. Remember your children are not the center of your marriage. Celebrate often. Laugh freely. Create traditions that point your family to God's goodness.

Build a home where Christ is honored and where love is unmistakable.

One day, when you look back over the years God has given you, may you see more than a beautiful house. May you see a life spent building a home that glorified Christ, strengthened your marriage, blessed your family, welcomed others, and left a legacy of faith that will endure for generations.